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IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 6 with amended claims 6 as follows:

6. (amended) The process of claim 4, wherein the bacteria is selected from a genus selected from the group consisting of *Pseudomonas*, *Paracoccus*, *Micrococcus*, *Klebsiella*, *Escherichia*, *Acidianus*, *Campylobacter*, *Wolinella*, and *Proteus*.

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 1-71 were originally pending in United States Serial No. 09/830,894. Claims 35-7 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Claims 1-34 have been rejected. Applicant respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-34, based on the remarks presented herein.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

Claims 1-34 and 71 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which application regards as the invention. It is specifically alleged that the recitation "allowing the culture medium to incubate for a time sufficient to produce a desired quantity of biological product" in claim 1 is indefinite. It is also alleged that the claims are indefinite, as the biological product, the microorganism and the alternative oxidant source are not identified.

Applicants traverse this rejection. The present invention provides a novel process for the production of a desired biological material by microorganisms. A microorganism is selected, based on the knowledge that the selected microorganism is capable of producing a desired biological product. Once the microorganism has been selected, one having ordinary skill in the art can easily determine the appropriate culture medium that will support the growth of the selected microorganism, and the optimum pH and temperature of the culture